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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

July 7, 2004

Manala Bant (s): Kanji HANASHIMA, et al.

Title : GASKET

Serial No. : 10/627 282 Group: 3676

Confirmation No.: 3678

Filed : July 25, 2003 Examiner: Patel

International Application No.: International Filing Date : Atty. Docket No.: N & H Case 443

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- [] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	No.	No.	(X)	RATE	()		
For	Filed	Extra	LG Entity		SM Entity	Fee	
Basic Fee			\$770.00		\$385.00		\$
Total Claims	(8 - 20	= 0)	x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00		
Indep. Claims	(3 - 3	= 0)	x \$ 86.00		x \$ 43.00		
[] Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$290.00		+ \$145.00		
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$	0.00

- [] Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by month(s). The extension fee is: \$.
- [] A Check for \$ is enclosed to cover fees.
- [X] Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, Applicants amend as follows:

(Please see following pages.)

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